

There was a Public Hearing & Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton on Monday May 8th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Norma Zimmer, Mayor
Nancy L. Hyde, Deputy Mayor
John Buker, Trustee
Allen Heberling, Trustee
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk
Terry Jones, DPW Supervisor

ABSENT:

Tony Randazzo, Trustee
Kevin Patenaude, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order:

Mayor Zimmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. *Local Law No. 2 - Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers on Real Property Taxes.*

There was no one from the public that wished to speak.

Mayor Zimmer closed the Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Zimmer opened the Regular Board Meeting at 5:33 p.m.

VISITOR:

John Condino, Barton & Loguidice

1. Updates on Rotary Park Bathrooms and Water Treatment Plant Windows Store Front Replacement Project. John Condino was not available to attend the meeting and asked Terry Jones to speak for him.

Terry explained to the Board that the lowest bid for the project was from Northern Tier Contracting, Inc. with a cost of \$298,000. Terry explained that based on the higher than anticipated total base bid cost, Barton and Loguidice have worked with the apparent low bidder to value engineer the roof replacement project (elimination of new decking and railings) to reduce the cost of the project. Value engineered drawings were provided to the apparent low bidder, and they have provided a Change Order Proposal for a credit reduction of (\$126,241.00) for the Construction Cost. A total project cost of \$171,759.00 will be for the Village's consideration.

The Board discussed moving forward and decided to look over the information from Barton & Loguidice and decide at a later time.

POLICE:

Kevin Patenaude, Chief of Police

1. Activity Report - was submitted to Board. This report is filed at the Village Clerks office.

DPW:

Terry Jones, DPW Superintendent

1. Activity Report – was presented to Board. This report is filed at the Village Clerks office.

2. Hire Seasonal Workers – Terry asked the Board to approve hiring the following Seasonal Dock Attendants:

- Sam Matt -\$15.00/hr. with a start date of May 18th, 2023
- Bill Richardson -\$14.50/hr. with a start date of May 25th, 2023
- Ryan Calhoun -\$14.50/hr. with a start date of June 3rd, 2023
- Bobby Bastian -\$15.00/hr. with a start date of May 22nd, 2023
- Paul Shortsleeve -\$14.50/hr. with a start day of May 25th, 2023
- Craig Cratsenberg -\$14.50/hr. with a start day of May 25th, 2023

Trustee Heberling made **MOTION** to approve the new hires listed above for Seasonal Dock Attendants; Trustee Hyde seconded; all were in favor motion carried.

Trustee Heberling made **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda **1-4**; Trustee Hyde seconded; all were in favor motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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| 1. DRAFT Meeting Minutes April 24 th , 2023 | |
| 2. Payroll (P/R #24) 3/30/2023 to 04/12/2023 | \$ 34,899.61 |
| 3. Prepays Abstract 04/26/2023 | \$ 22,116.46 |
| 4. Abstract -05/08/2023 | |
| General Fund | \$ 18,401.91 |
| Water Fund | \$ 1,624.77 |
| Sewer Fund | <u>\$ 21,446.77</u> |
| Total | \$ 41,473.45 |
| 5. Capital Projects: | \$184,513.24 |

Trustee Hyde made the **MOTION** to approve audited abstract item **#5** Capital Projects as presented; Trustee Heberling seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2023-07 –

**RESOLUTION 2023-07
TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023
Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and
Ambulance Workers on a portion of Real Property Taxes**

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Clayton, New York has devoted considerable time and attention to tax exemptions, especially those for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Real Property Tax Law (NY RPTL) §466-a provides for a limited 10 % exemption from real property taxes for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers in respect to residential Real Property where that taxpayer resides in the residential property within the Village of Clayton and meets all eligibility requirements pursuant to (NY RPTL) §466-a; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Clayton will opt-in on the lifetime exemption that is provided to volunteers with at least 20 years of service as long as they maintain their primary residence in the Village of Clayton for which they have served.

WHEREAS, Un-remarried surviving spouses of eligible volunteers are allowed to retain the lifetime exemption as long as they maintain the requirements pursuant to RPTL §466-a, and their primary residence is in the Village of Clayton.

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers within the Village must complete RP-466-a-vol form (a copy attached hereto) to ensure eligibility and provide to the Assessor prior to March 1 of the given year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board for the Village of Clayton, New York as follows:

1. The Village Board hereby enacts Local Law No. 2 of 2023 to opt-in on the entitled Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers on a portion of Real Property Taxes.
2. The Mayor for the Village of Clayton and the Village Clerk for the Village of Clayton, their respective agents, and employees, are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact the legislation.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Trustee Hyde, and seconded by Trustee Buker, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Norma Zimmer, Mayor	yes
Nancy Hyde, Deputy Mayor	yes
John Buker, Trustee	yes
Allen Heberling, Trustee	yes

1. CLDC – Approval for 2023-2024 Grant-Writing Services Agreement

Trustee Buker presented a **MOTION** to approve CLDC Grant-Writing Service Agreement, in the amount of \$10,000; Trustee Hyde seconded; all in favor, motion was carried.

2. CLDC- Approval for 2023-2024 Economic Development Agreement

Trustee Buker presented a **MOTION** to approve the CLDC Economic Development Agreement in the amount of \$10,000; Trustee Hyde seconded; all in favor, motion was carried.

3. Chamber of Commerce 2023-2024 Contract

Trustee Buker presented a **MOTION** to approve the Chamber of Commerce Contract in the amount of \$26,000; Trustee Hyde seconded; all in favor, motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Poker Run Dock fees – The Board discussed the fees and determined that they would only charge \$1,000 for a flat rate. Village Clerk will contact the Chamber of Commerce and let them know.

2. Town Justice Court Lease – The Board discussed that they would lower the monthly rental rate to \$1,600 per month. The Village Clerk will revise the agreement and send it to the Town.

CLERK:

1. Nick Reddick – Appoint for alternate for Zoning Board.

Trustee Buker made **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Nick Reddick for Alternate on the Zoning Board; Trustee Heberling seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

2. New Hires for Seasonal Parking Attendants

- Robert Farmer starting May 22nd, @ 15.00/hr.
- Patrick Youngs starting May 22nd, @ 15.00/hr.

Trustee Hyde made **MOTION** to approve the Seasonal Parking Attendants listed above; Trustee Buker seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

3. North Country Health Center WIC Program requested to use Municipal Building for fiscal year of October 1st, 2023 through September 30th, 2023.

Trustee Hyde made **MOTION** to approve the above request for the WIC Program; Trustee Heberling seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

4. Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction August 4-6 - Mayor Zimmer recused herself from this request.

The Board discussed the Antique Boat Museum's request asking to close off Mary Street between Alexandria and Theresa Street, in front of the Museum, beginning on Thursday, August 3rd at 7am until Sunday, August 6th at 2pm, for the duration of the stated time to allow for street displays, vendors. The Board discussed the charge for the Mary Street Dock and decided on \$1,000 for flat fee. Trustee Heberling made **MOTION** to approve the above request; Trustee Buker seconded, all in favor motion carried.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

1. Trustee Heberling – Discussed the Deed for the old Danforth property – Trustee Heberling explained to the Board that he had a few people in the public asking if the Village is in violation of the Deed by putting up a fence and having benches on this property. He asked Village Clerk to send him the deed and he feels comfortable to say that the Village is not in violation from what the deed states. Mayor Zimmer also informed him that one of the benches that has been there is owned by Danforth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Trustee Randazzo resignation – Mayor Zimmer announced that *Tony Randazzo* has resigned his position as Village Trustee as of May 2nd, 2023, due to personal reasons.

2. Update on WWTP project in Village – Mayor Zimmer talked about the construction that is going on in the Village. Although she understands the frustration that this may bring to some commercial businesses right now, and how it looks, she has been reassured that this should be completed by the beginning of June.

3. NYCOM Local Government Achievement Award Honorable Mention -Mayor Zimmer informed the Board that she received a letter from NYCOM and The Village of Clayton has won this award based on the Historical District Project.

This award recognizes that local officials are continuing to work diligently to improve their communities and the quality-of-life for their residents in efficient and innovative ways. The Historical District Project will benefit the Village of Clayton for years to come. Congratulations to Mayor Zimmer on a job well done.

This project involved the burying of power and utility lines that had been in the same location for over a century which allowed for major investments in historic properties in the Village's downtown corridor. By timing this with a New York State Department of Transportation infrastructure project, Clayton was able to cost-effectively transform its historic district with new water and sewer laterals, benches, bike racks, streets, and sidewalks. As a result of these investments, the Village has enhanced its status as a tourism destination.

This award will be presented at NYCOM's Annual Meeting on May 18th, in Bolton Landing and Mayor Zimmer will be attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Hyde presented a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Heberling seconded; all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully,

Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk